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T. Kameda et al.

For: COUPLING CONDITION DETECTING  
DEVICE FOR SLIDE FASTENER  
ELEMENT ROWS

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Application No. 10/828,733	Filing Date April 21, 2004	Examiner John C. Hong	Customer No. 43793	Group Art Unit 3726	Confirmation No. 4772	
Invention: <b>COUPLING CONDITION DETECTION DEVICE FOR SLIDE FASTENER ELEMENT ROWS</b>						
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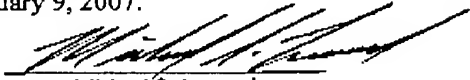
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Michael S. Leonard**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 17, 2007.

The Office Action entered an election requirement between the following patentably distinct species.

Species I, Directed to an element coupling condition detecting device and drawn to claim 3 (Figs. 8 and 9).

Species II, Directed to an element coupling condition detecting device and drawn to claims 4 and 5 (Fig. 5).

Species III, Directed to an element coupling condition detecting device and drawn to claims 6 and 7 (Fig. 10).

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The Office Action states claims 1 and 2 are generic.

In response, Applicants elect Species II, claims 4 and 5 and Figure 5. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 read on at least Species II.

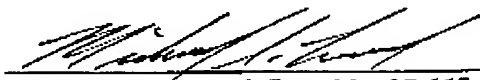
Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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